

## House Resolution No. 4161

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Steven H. Lipstein, president and chief executive officer of BJC HealthCare, who has been named a 2007 Grassroots Champion by the American Hospital Association; and

**Whereas**, Steven Lipstein has been recognized for his leadership in educating lawmakers about the effects of state and federal policies on hospitals and the health-care system; and

**Whereas**, the award was announced in May at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C., and was conferred Friday, June 1, at the Missouri Hospital Association Board meeting in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, the Partnership for Action Grassroots Champion award, which is presented annually to one individual from each state, was created to honor hospital leaders who effectively educate elected officials about hospitals' vital roles in their communities, and recipients are recognized for their exemplary performance in broadening the base of community support for hospitals and providing tireless advocacy for hospitals and patients; and

**Whereas**, Steve's passion for health care and sincere concern for the welfare of his community have made him a dynamic voice for hospital advocacy in Washington, D.C., and Jefferson City, and his energetic efforts to educate lawmakers have led to an expanded understanding of hospital issues and the benefits hospitals provide to their communities; and

**Whereas**, since assuming the leadership of St. Louis's BJC HealthCare in 1999, Steven Lipstein has emerged as a major force in shaping the future of academic medicine and research, service delivery and health policy in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Steven Lipstein's passion, vision, and leadership have led to the development of a coordinated system of care for St. Louis's most vulnerable residents and the financing necessary to support it, nationally recognized health-improvement initiatives, and the 2006 ballot measure to reduce the use of tobacco products statewide; and

**Whereas**, Steven Lipstein serves on the Board of Trustees for Washington University, the Board of Directors of Voluntary Hospitals of America, the Administrative Board of the Council of Teaching Hospitals, and the Missouri Hospital Association Board, among other prestigious boards, councils, and commissions:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate Steven Lipstein on the illustrious occasion of his being named a 2007 Grassroots Champion by the American Hospital Association; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution Steven H. Lipstein.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Margaret Donnelly  
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4161, adopted July 2, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker